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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED DECEMBER 31, 2003

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 31, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction of the claimed invention to one of the following eleven species:

- Species A: according to drawing Fig. 1;
- Species B: according to drawing Fig. 2;
- Species C: according to drawing Fig. 7A;
- Species D: according to drawing Fig. 7B;
- Species E: according to drawing Fig. 9A;

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Species F: according to drawing Fig. 9B;
Species G: according to drawing Fig. 10A;
Species H: according to drawing Fig. 10B;
Species I: according to drawing Fig. 10C;
Species J: according to drawing Fig. 10D;
Species K: according to drawing Fig. 10E.

Applicants' representative hereby provisionally elects with traverse Species A (according to drawing Fig. 1) for further prosecution on the merits. It is submitted that claims 1, 6-7, 14 and 23-27 read on such species.

The election has been made provisional in view of the teleconference with the Examiner's Supervisor, Vincent Millin, on January 28, 2004, where he intimated that the Restriction was improper, and that the subject Restriction Requirement may be withdrawn after speaking with the Examiner for this application.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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